

# **TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**January 11, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilmen: Stephen Lee, Todd Farrington, Vincent Battista, and Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of the 12/14/11 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of the 12/28/11 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that he received notice of the Local Government Conference at JCC, to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Town officials that wish to attend should notify the Town Clerk.

The Supervisor's report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts were \$166,683.39, Total disbursements \$463,160.75, Total in checking accounts \$145,436.98, Total investments \$441,904.09. A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young to accept the Supervisor's report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to pay bills in Abstract #1, vouchers #1-37: General Fund A \$20,377.30, General Fund B \$175.00, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$661.00, Highway Fund A \$27,768.35, Highway Fund B \$22,158.00, Water District 2 \$5,652.83, Water District 1 \$1,613.96, Water District 4 \$1,464.31, Water District 3 \$1,784.25, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$3,838.00, Abstract total \$85,493.00. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Paula Hurlbut and Leslie Robare were present, representing the North Country Running Group, to speak to the Board about an event planned for Labor Day weekend called the 18.12 Challenge and ½ Marathon.

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A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista that the Town Board support The 18.12 Challenge and ½ Marathon event. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that a check will be sent to New York State DEC in the amount of \$538 for an easement to cross Muskalonge Bay in order to construct Water District 5.

Mr. Lee also announced that there will be training for Boards and other town officials later this month.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to use the training time this month towards the 4 hours of credits that are required by members of the Planning and Zoning Boards each year. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to appoint Barbara Boulton to the alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Young reported that he intends to meet with the representatives of both libraries before the next Town Board meeting.

C'man Farrington reported that a copy of the Budget for the Joint Recreation Commission has been provided to Board members and after review C'man Farrington made a motion and C'man Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept this budget. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington also gave an update on the progress of the addition to the Highway building. The floor, counter tops and cabinets still need to be installed.

C'man Farrington asked to have an executive session at the end of the meeting for a personnel issue.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting and the Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$1079 to purchase safety equipment for the department.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for December.

After discussion a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young for Resolution # 12-21 to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new pick up truck and plow on State bid. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Clerk/Collector report was given by the Town Clerk.

Attorney David Renzi was present and gave a legal update for Water District 5 and reported that a letter was sent to Key Bank for the appointment of Ginnie Savage to the Planning Board.

Supervisor Scee announced that the appraisal of the Storrs Road property has been completed and the amount is \$47,000. Letters have gone out to Gary Hess and Phillip Branche, neighbors on each side of the property, and they were asked to notify the Town by February 1<sup>st</sup> if they were interested in purchasing this property.

A discussion was held on purchasing a debit card machine and swipe system for the water tower on Tower Road. C'man Lee explained that a swipe machine on the Tower and the debit card machine at the Town Clerk's office would cost \$3500 and the cards are \$4 each. The cards would be loaded with funds to purchase water in \$1 increments at the Town Clerk's office and swiped at the Tower. The card could also be recharged. C'man Lee suggested to charge a \$5 deposit for the card itself.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scee to purchase a debit card system for the Town Water Tower in District 2 for \$3500 and 100 debit cards for \$400. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington reported that he will be unable to attend Cemetery Committee meetings in the future but Supervisor Scee will continue to attend them. There is also a need for a Board member to attend the Planning Board meetings and with no volunteers, Supervisor Scee agreed to attend them as well.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to send Dave Cobb a letter of appreciation for serving on the Town Board for eight years. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington for Resolution # 12-18 to amend Resolution #12-03 in part to read, the Supervisor, Clerk to the Supervisor, and Town Clerk are authorized to pay necessary utility bills between monthly meetings. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington for Resolution # 12-19 to amend in part Resolution #12-07 to change the temporary laborer pay rate in the highway department from \$10.40 to \$11.00 per hour. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young for Resolution #12-20 for the Town to accept the access road to the retention pond at Blue Heron Development from F & L Developers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The floor was then open for public comment and Yvonne Podvin commented that C'man Battista was responsible for costing the Town and Water District 2 almost \$4000, for a card machine for the water tower, because of his false accusations of the Water Superintendent.

Christine Eggleston asked the Board to establish a work session to get started on the Comprehensive Plan and mentioned that a letter of recognition should also go to Bob Bendwell for his service on the ZBA.

Beth Burdick was also present to give a brief Hay Memorial Library report.

Supervisor Scee announced that Maryann DeClerk of the Burton Road is asking for donations of 4ply worsted yarn to make more caps to send to service men and woman stationed overseas. Donations can be dropped off to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to go to executive session for a personnel matter at 8 PM.

The Board returned from the executive session at 8:12 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

